

REGULAR MEETING of the Burrillville Town Council held Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 7:02 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers, 105 Harrisville Main Street, Harrisville for and within the Town of Burrillville.

PRESENT: Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

1. Council President Nancy F. Binns led those present in pledging allegiance to the flag.

2. VOTED to accept the minutes of the special meeting held January 4, 2012, the joint pre-budget meeting held January 23, 2012 and the regular meetings held February 8 and February 22, 2012 and dispense with the reading of said minutes.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

3. Public Comment: None

4. General Good and Welfare of the Town of Burrillville

Councilor Margaret L. Dudley reported on upcoming events sponsored by the Friends of the Library, including the Riverwalk performances planned for the summer of 2012, a coffeehouse planned for April 20, 2012, and the April 28, 2012 book sale.

Councilor Kevin D. Heitke announced the April 21, 2012 Lions Club Earth Day cleanup and encouraged participation. Council President Nancy F. Binns noted that the Conservation Commission is cosponsoring the event and also sponsoring an Earth Day poster contest at Burrillville schools. President Binns also noted that the Burrillville Land Trust is sponsoring a clean-up of the Vock property on April 22, 2012. Volunteers are welcome.

Councilor Wallace F. Lees noted that the presentation of the Golden Apple Award to Burrillville Teacher Suzanne Bailey was scheduled to be aired on March 15, 2012.

Councilor Edward J. Blanchard announced the 2012 Relay for Life event, scheduled for June 29 and 30, 2012 at Branch River Park.

5. Petitions: None

6. Special Business:

12-059 VOTED to grant to Nasonville Volunteer Fire Department a victualing license for the Spring & Fall Chowder & Clam Cake Dinners to be held on April 29 and September 25, 2012 and a Class F Liquor License for the Spring Chowder and Clam Cake dinner to be held April 29, 2012 at 2577 Victory Highway, Nasonville on property owned by the Nasonville Fire District (Map 114, Lot 32).

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

12-060 VOTED to grant a quarterly entertainment license to James Davidge, Inc. d/b/a Spritzers Café at 63 Grove Street, Pascoag on property owned by Pinewoods Development, LLC (Map 157, Lot 193).

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

12-061 VOTED to grant to St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church a victualing license for the Springfest and Applefest dinners to be held

on March 24 and October 19, 2012 and a Class F liquor license for the Springfest dinner to be held March 24, 2012 at 181 Sayles Avenue, Pascoag on property owned by the Reverend Clifford J. Cabral (Map 174, Lot 131).

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Kevin D. Heitke. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

7. **Public Hearings: None**

8. **Unfinished Business:**

11-311 VOTED to open the correspondence from Dr. Frank Pallotta, Superintendent Burrillville School Department, requesting the Town Council consider approval of the Anti-Bullying Task Force brochure.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

Discussion: Dr. Frank Pallotta, Superintendent of Schools, and

Councilor Edward J. Blanchard, member of the Anti-Bullying Task Force, commented on the brochure.

VOTED to approve the brochure of the Anti-Bullying Task Force.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

9. New Business:

12-062 VOTED to open consideration and discussion of a motion to authorize Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, to sign the 2012 agreement between the Town of Burrillville and the Industrial Foundation of Burrillville for project management, development and marketing services for town property known as Commerce Park.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

Discussion: Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, explained the original

management agreement between the Town and the Industrial Foundation and reviewed the proposed renewal. The matter was discussed.

VOTED to authorize Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, to sign the 2012 agreement between the Town of Burrillville and the Industrial Foundation of Burrillville for project management, development and marketing services for town property known as Commerce Park.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

12-063 VOTED to open the correspondence from John P. Mainville, Finance Director, regarding his recommendation related to police vehicle acquisition.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

Discussion: Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, reviewed the 2012

funding for police vehicles, the purpose of delaying the purchase, and the recommendation for the allocation.

VOTED to transfer \$5,500 from the General Fund Contingency line item [0100160-569050] to the Police Capital Improvement line item [0100783-554500]; and to award the bid for four [4] police vehicles to M-H-Q Municipal Vehicles at a total cost of \$ 129,444.96. (Note that funding will be from the following sources: Capital Improvement Budget \$ 65,500 and Town Restricted Fund 64,000).

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

12-064 VOTED to grant the request of Stephen Elmasian, Co-Chair, Armenian National Committee – RI, that the Armenian flag be flown over the Town Building on April 24, 2012.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Kevin D. Heitke. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

12-065 Correspondence from Dana J. Gould, Ann Marie Cardon

Whittemore and Andrea Hall, Co-Chairs, Burrillville Lions Earth Day Committee, regarding the April 21, 2012 designation of Burrillville Earth Day: and a motion to adopt the 2012 Earth Day Proclamation.

VOTED to designate April 21, 2012 as Burrillville Earth Day and adopt the 2012 Earth Day Proclamation, as follows:

Burrillville Town Council

Proclamation

Whereas, Earth Day is a day that is intended to inspire awareness and appreciation for the Earth's natural environment; and

Whereas, Earth Day is celebrated annually to recommit to the goals of a healthy environment and a sustainable world; and

Whereas, the Town of Burrillville is committed to the preservation and stewardship of our natural landscape, open space and sensitive environmental areas; and

Whereas, the Town of Burrillville fosters and encourages environmentally sound businesses and promotes green products, services and lifestyle by providing opportunity for small businesses to present their products and services to the community; and

Whereas, Town of Burrillville acknowledges our collective responsibility for environmental education, stewardship and community sustainability.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville does

hereby proclaim April 21, 2012 as Earth Day in the Town of Burrillville. All residents and businesses are urged to celebrate Earth Day and to support the efforts to protect our environment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville, reaffirms its commitment to the goals and principles of Earth Day by:

- 1. Inviting and encouraging residents, businesses, organizations, schools, and families to participate in the Town's Earth Day activities, and engage in environmentally sound practices every day,**
- 2. Encouraging partnerships between and among local businesses, environmental organizations, schools and the artist community to help raise community awareness,**
- 3. Demonstrating leadership in innovation by providing opportunity for nonprofit and for-profit organizations to introduce their products and services,**
- 4. Using the observance of Earth Day as a springboard for exploring new avenues to sustainability.**

Adopted as a resolution of the Burrillville Town Council this 14th day of March 2012.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Kevin D. Heitke. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

12-066 VOTED to open discussion and consideration of awarding the bid for the Farmers Market Pavilion to Adler Construction at a total cost of \$188,817.25 and the allocation of \$8,543 for unknown contingencies [approx. 4.5%] as recommended with funding sources as identified in the recommendation.

Motion by Councilor Kevin D. Heitke. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

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Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The motion carried, six in favor, one opposed. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Councilor David J. Place voted in opposition.

12-067 VOTED to open the correspondence from Councilor Stephen

N. Rawson regarding his proposal for a Local Bond Issue Proposal for the November 2012 Election.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

Discussion: Councilor Stephen N. Rawson discussed past and current proposals relative to placing open space bond referenda before Burrillville voters, explained the process and reviewed accomplishments using open space bonds. Councilor Rawson commented on the support of the public, as well as other boards and commissions and reviewed potential projects. Councilor Rawson explained the benefits of moving forward in 2012 and recommended establishing a committee. The proposal and the procedure were reviewed and discussed. It was suggested that more detailed information be provided and the discussion continued at a future meeting.

VOTED to table item 12-067 to the first council meeting in April.

Motion by Councilor Kevin D. Heitke. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees,

Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

Legislation:

12-053 VOTED to open discussion of the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns 2012 Legislative Initiatives:

- 1) Disability – Limited**
- 2) Municipal Financial Stability**
- 3) Motor Vehicle Tax**
- 4) Definition of police officer and firefighter for IOD purpose**

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

Note: The bills presented to the Town Council for consideration were:
 2012 – H 7098, An Act Relating to Taxation – Excise on Motor Vehicles and Trailers
 2012 – H 7224, An Act Relating to Taxation – Excise on Motor Vehicles and Trailers
 2012 – H 7350, An Act Relating to Taxation –Motor Vehicles and Trailers Excise Tax Elimination Act of 1998
 2012 – S 2044, Senate Resolution respectfully requesting

the vehicle value commission to examine current methodology for determining motor vehicle values

 2012 – S 2100, An Act Relating to Taxation – Excise on Motor Vehicles and Trailers

 2012 – S 2472, An Act Relating to Taxation – Excise on Motor Vehicles and Trailers

 2012 – H 7622, An Act Relating to Cities and Towns – Retirement

 2012 – H 7668, An Act Relating to Labor and Labor Relations – Health Benefits Previously Negotiated

 2012 – H 7669, An Act Relating to Cities and Towns – Accidental Disability Allowance

 2012 – H 7670, An Act Relating to Towns and Cities – Police and Fire Employees

Discussion: Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, summarized the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns position on these bills.

MOTION to authorize the administration, on behalf of the Council, to put together resolutions endorsing each one of these pieces of legislation.

Motion by Councilor David J. Place.

There was further discussion of the scope of the bill 2012 – H 7669, An Act Relating to Towns and Cities – Accidental Disability

Allowance.

AMENDMENT to the motion to support two through four.

Amendment proposed by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. There was no second to the amendment.

At the request of the Solicitor, Councilor Place restated the motion, as follows:

MOTION that we endorse the League of Cities and Towns recommendation, as written.

The amendment was withdrawn by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard.

Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. The motion carried, six in favor, one opposed. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson. Councilor Edward J. Blanchard voted in opposition.

12-068 2012 – S 2673: An Act Relating to Elections - Registration of Voters

VOTED to support the proposed changes in the bill and to notify our

legislative delegation that we do support it; and to send it to other cities and towns.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor David J. Place. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

12-069 VOTED to open consideration and action on 2012 – H 7581: An Act Relating to Public Utilities and Carriers – Public Transit Investment

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor David J. Place. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

Discussion: Councilor Margaret L. Dudley commented on the RIPTA funding and asked that the Town Council support House Bill 2012 – H 7581.

VOTED to support H 7581, notify our legislative delegation of our support and other cities and towns.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor

Kevin D. Heitke. The motion carried, six in favor one opposed. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke and Stephen N. Rawson. Councilor David J. Place voted in opposition.

12-070 Consider and act on a resolution in opposition to the following house bills:

2012 – H 7617: An Act Relating to Labor and Labor Relations – School Employee Arbitration

2012 – H 7618: An Act Relating to Labor and Labor Relations – Firefighters' Arbitration

2012 – H 7619: An Act Relating to Labor and Labor Relations

2012 – H 7620: An Act Relating to Labor and Labor Relations – Municipal Employee Arbitration

2012 – H 7617: An Act Relating to Labor and Labor Relations – School Employee Arbitration

VOTED to strongly oppose:

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

**2012 – H 7618: An Act Relating to Labor and Labor Relations –
Firefighters' Arbitration**

VOTED to do a resolution in opposition to H 7618.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor David J. Place. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

2012 – H 7619: An Act Relating to Labor and Labor Relations

VOTED to do a resolution in opposition to H 7619.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

**2012 – H 7620: An Act Relating to Labor and Labor Relations –
Municipal Employee Arbitration**

VOTED to do a resolution in opposition to H 7620.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The motion carried, six in favor, one opposed. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson. Councilor Kevin D. Heitke voted in opposition.

The resolution follows:

Burrillville Town Council Resolution

In Opposition to General Assembly Bills

2012 – H 7617, H 7618, H 7619 and H 7620

Acts Relating to Labor and Labor Relations

Whereas, bills 2012 – H 7617, H 7618, H 7619 and H 7620 effectively are mandates that will further erode all Rhode Island cities and towns' ability to control property taxes and spending, particularly those already in financial distress; and

Whereas, H-7617 and H-7619 will expand the scope of the binding arbitration process to include monetary issues for teachers, non-teacher school employees and police officers; and

Whereas, various versions of these bills have been introduced in previous legislative sessions and each time, school committees and town councils were unanimously opposed to them; and

Whereas, binding arbitration has been very costly to most cities and towns in Rhode Island, and incorporating this union benefit into the

collective bargaining process will remove the decision making from a duly elected local body and place it in the hands of third party arbitrators who do not have vested financial interests in the communities impacted by their decisions; and

Whereas, H-7618 will provide that upon the expiration of a fire fighters' contract, all contract provisions will remain in effect until a successor contract is either ratified by the parties or arbitrated by an arbitration panel; and

Whereas, H-7618 undercuts the intent of the collective bargaining process which is for both sides to bargain in good faith and complete the process within the time parameters already specified in Rhode Island General Law; and

Whereas, H-7618 would make it easy for a union to declare an impasse and inordinately delay the process, with the unintended consequence that there would be no motivation by the union to try to work with management because the current contract provisions will remain in effect until a new contract is forced on a city or town by an arbitration panel; and

Whereas, H-7620 provides for binding arbitration on all unresolved issues for all municipal employees, and all contractual provisions would remain in effect until a successor agreement is ratified or a binding arbitration is rendered by a panel; and

Whereas, there are virtually no constraints on what arbitrators are allowed to award; and

Whereas, binding arbitration decisions or awards are very expensive; and

Whereas, the use or availability of the binding process on all unresolved issues for all municipal employees will negatively impact cities and towns in Rhode Island; and

Whereas, a town like Burrillville has already been hurt with expensive arbitration awards with our public safety unions; therefore amendments proposed in 2012 – H 7620 would only contribute to expensive decisions made by third parties who do not have vested interests in the communities impacted by their decisions; and

Whereas, the duly elected school committees and town councils should be the bodies to make the decisions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville, hereby expresses deep concern and adamant opposition to House Bills 2012 – H 7617, H 7618, H 7619 and H 7620, Acts Relating to Labor and Labor Relations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we, the Town of Council of the Town of Burrillville, do hereby respectfully request that the legislative delegation which represents the Town to strongly oppose the passage of Bills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we, the Town of Council of the Town of Burrillville, do hereby entreat the various Rhode Island city and town councils to their legislative delegations, seeking defeat of these bills as they are harmful to all Rhode Island cities and towns.

Adopted as a resolution this 14th day of March 2012.

10. Town Clerk/Communication to be considered and acted on:

12-012 VOTED to open the correspondence from Dr. Frank Pallotta, Superintendent Burrillville School Department, regarding the School Committee's approval of the Resource Officer proposal.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Place. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

Discussion: The proposal was reviewed. Dr. Pallotta expressed satisfaction with the plan. The joint efforts of the municipal and school employees, the town council and the school committee were recognized.

VOTED to support the program.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

12-071 VOTED to receive and file the correspondence from Stephen C. Waluk, Mayor, City of Newport, regarding the 56th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Motion by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

12-072 VOTED to receive and file the resolutions from the Exeter Town Council relative to 1) legislative amendments to the Rhode Island Low and Moderate Income Housing Act and 2) legislative initiative to amend RIGL §17-11-1 "An Act Relating to Elections – Voting Districts and Officials".

Motion by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. Seconded by Councilor Kevin D. Heitke. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

12-073 VOTED to receive and file the resolution from the Jamestown Town Council relative to legislative initiative to amend RIGL §17-11-1 "An Act Relating to Elections – Voting Districts and Officials."

Motion by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. Seconded by Councilor Kevin D. Heitke. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

12-074 VOTED to support both resolutions from the Woonsocket City Council relative to 1) their opposition to Contract Continuation and 2) relative to School Bus Monitors.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The motion carried, six in favor, one opposed. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson. Councilor Edward J. Blanchard voted in opposition.

12-075 VOTED to receive and file the public hearing notice relative to PY'12 Community Development Block Grant Application Second Public Hearing scheduled for the regular Town Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 28, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Kevin D. Heitke. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F.

Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

11. Additional New Business:

12-076 VOTED to grant the requests for executive session from Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, pursuant to Rhode Island Open Meeting Law [§42-46-5 (a)(2)] relative to potential litigation relative to TransCanada and [§42-46-5 (a)(5)] for discussion and consideration relative to disposition of real property at Commerce Park – Daniele, Inc.

Motion by Councilor David J. Place. Seconded by Councilor Kevin D. Heitke. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

There was a recess before executive session.

The Town Council returned to open session at 8:36 P.M.

VOTED to seal the minutes of executive session, noting that two votes were taken; one vote was approval of a resolution that authorized Town Manager Michael C. Wood to execute and deliver a quit claim deed, proration agreement, HUD settlement statement and

any and all other documents necessary to effectuate the sale of said property in compliance with the aforementioned purchase and sales agreement; the vote also authorized Council President Nancy F. Binns to sign the resolution.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

Burrillville Town Council Resolution

Whereas, the Town of Burrillville entered into a purchase and sales agreement with La Ginestra Realty, LLC on November 9, 2011 with regard to the sale of property not to exceed fifty-eight acres, located within the Route 102 Industrial Complex known as Commerce Park, being a portion of Lot No. 15 on Tax Assessor's Map 195 (hereinafter "the Property") .

Whereas, the closing on the Property has been scheduled and Town Manager, Michael C. Wood will be attending said closing on behalf of the Town of Burrillville.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Town Manager Michael C.

Wood is authorized and empowered to execute and deliver a Quit Claim Deed, proration agreement, HUD settlement statement and any and all other documents necessary to effectuate the sale of said Property in compliance with the aforementioned purchase and sales agreement.

PASSED AS A RESOLUTION of the Burrillville Town Council this 14th day of March, 2012.

12. VOTED to adjourn at 8:36 P.M.

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor Edward J. Blanchard. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Edward J. Blanchard, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson.

The meeting was recorded.

Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk